



# New Hope for Africa (UK)

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Annet was able to spend just over a week in the UK in early February and managed to meet many people who have supported her New Hope for Africa Foundation over the last 11 years. Sadly Godfrey was not able to come with her due to his involvement in the Ugandan general election campaign.



All the arrangements went to plan and while Annet had a hectic schedule she had a wonderful time meeting so many people and enjoying their hospitality. She was able to meet groups of supporters in Kendal, Leyland, St Helens and Thornton. Her visits included trips to Everton Football Club and Costa Coffee to thank them in person for the support they have given over the last 18 months. You

can read the club's account of her visit from their website by following this link.

<http://www.evertonfc.com/community/news/2016/03/01/annet-brings-hope-to-goodison>



The visit to Goodison Park was followed by lunch in Ormskirk at the Piri Piri Restaurant where Annet met Paulo who has generously donated restaurant vouchers for our charity auctions.

After meeting Annet, four members of staff at Costa Coffee and two friends, now known as the New Hope Skydivers, have decided to do a parachute jump and through sponsorship will donate the proceeds to New Hope. In May this year they will take a leap into the unknown at 11,000 feet over Lancaster and return safely to earth in a tandem parachute drop. Call into Costa Coffee, Maghull Square and sponsor Dan, Sarah, Lucy and Nicki or talk to any of the trustees if you would like to support this event.



A big thank you to those people who have recently sponsored a child which brings the total number of sponsored children to 112. This really helps provide a regular monthly income to enable Annet and Godfrey manage the expense of running the school. The photograph shows Annet meeting one of the sponsors

Ann Snowden hosted a Questions and Answers interview with Annet at The King's Church on 5<sup>th</sup> February and if you missed it first time or would like to hear it again then visit our website at:-

<http://www.newhopeforafrica.org.uk/news.html>



As the children get older and grow bigger, larger dormitories are needed to accommodate these young adults. It has recently been possible to buy additional land adjacent to the school in order to build larger dormitories to accommodate the senior boys. Further building work is currently underway to expand classrooms and also the girls dormitories; some photographs will appear on the website once the work is finished.

The first visit to the school in 2016 was made in the second half of January by Helen Owen when she and two friends delivered the woollen jumpers made by her knitting circle along with some T shirts purchased in the UK with donations she had received. So a big thank you to everyone who made this possible.

A date in the future for your diaries and a Two for One offer you can not miss. At 7.30 pm on Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> at the King's Church in Thornton, the Melling Community Gospel Choir along with Eddie and the Parrots will be performing to support New Hope. They will be performing separately and also doing some numbers together. There will be a hot buffet and tickets will become available shortly from the trustees.

Maxene Kidman our Child Sponsorship trustee is spending 10 days at the school in late May and early June this year. She will be accompanied by Gloria Reeves and will be able to take out much needed red and blue 'T'shirts, medical supplies, knitting wool and a collection of spectacles. Good quality 'T'shirts are cheaper in the UK compared to Uganda so if you would like to make a donation to purchase T shirts that would be really helpful. Proprietary over the counter medicines are also very expensive in Uganda but inexpensive in the UK so if you would like to donate such items and need some advice as to what is most suitable then ask Maxene as it is not possible to take liquids.

It is a great pleasure to have Julia Reeves join the board of trustees of NHfA(UK) as she has been an active supporter of the charity and frequent visitor to the school over a number of years and has a sincere desire to see these young peoples lives transformed.

Julia and three friends will be spending two weeks at the school in July and is also collecting medical items and stationery again and any suitable toys for the nursery. Also if you have unwanted items of children's clothing that are still in good condition she will take them to give to those needy children living in and around the village who do not attend school. Of course any monetary donations will also be put to good use too.

In advance of the trip Julia is holding her annual fundraising event on Saturday 11th June between 12-4pm at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Leyland PR25 3EL. There will be lots of different stalls including jewellery, cards, craft, bric a brac, toys, gifts etc and of course refreshments on sale. During the afternoon there will be a showing of a video of her trip last year and an information stall to answer any questions may have about the work of NHfA(UK).

Thanks for your continuing support.

Steve, Pat, Sue, Julia and Maxene – trustees NHfA(UK)

